

E. Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 9, 11 and 12 being independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-3 and 5-14 have been amended to clarify the invention; in particular, each of the independent claims has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 4, and various related amendments and corrections of a formal nature have been made. Applicant submits that the amendments made herein are fully supported throughout the application as filed and that no new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that process claims 12-14 have been withdrawn from further consideration. However, given Applicant's present amendment of the independent claims to include the subject matter of claim 4, which was indicated to be allowable by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of claims 12-14 at this time.

The Examiner has indicated that each of Figures 15A, 15B, 15C and 16 should be designated by a legend such as --PRIOR ART--. In addition, the Examiner has objected to Figure 13 with regard to four reference lines indicating H1015 and H1105. In response, Applicant has amended each of Figures 15A, 15B, 15C and 16 to include --PRIOR ART-- and has amended Figure 13 in two instances to replace H1105 with --H1015--, as was clearly intended as evidenced by the corresponding description in the specification at page 10, lines 3-6. Accordingly, each of the Examiner's concerns with respect to the drawings has been addressed, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal

of any related objections.

The Examiner has required a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the title to read --RECORDING DEVICE BOARD HAVING A PLURALITY OF BUMPS FOR CONNECTING AN ELECTRODE PAD AND AN ELECTRODE LEAD, LIQUID EJECTION HEAD, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR THE SAME--.

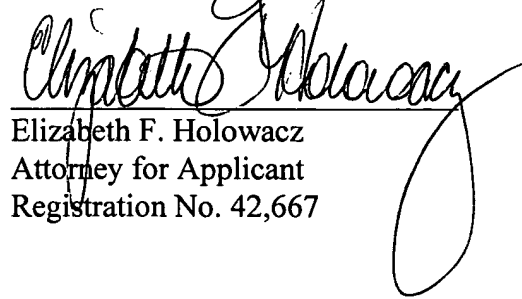
Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Mori (U.S. Patent No. 6,609,782) in view of Shoji (U.S. Patent No. 5,869,904). Claims 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Mori in view of Shoji and further in view of JP 62-283644. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Mori in view of JP 62-283644. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims at this time to include the limitations of claim 4. Since claim 4 was deemed to be allowable by the Examiner, Applicant submits that all of the presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance and that the above-noted §103 rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and passage to issue of the present case is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Drawings

Please substitute the two attached sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawing sheets presently on file in the above-identified application for each of Figures 13, 15A, 15B, 15C and 16. The new drawing sheets incorporate the changes noted in detail below, namely the correction of two reference numerals in Figure 13 and the insertion of a legend in Figures 15A, 15B, 15C and 16.